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Mass:

Monday, Friday 9:00 A.M. - St. Joseph Parish
Tuesday 8:00 A.M. - Nativity of the BVM Parish
Thursday 7:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Parish
Saturday Vigil 4:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Parish
Saturday 5:30 P.M. - Nativity of the BVM Parish
Sunday 8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 5:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Parish

The 11:00 A.M. Mass will be livestreamed.

The link can be found on our website: www.stjosephamherst.com

Confession at St. Joseph Parish: Thursday - Individual Reconciliation 7:30 - 8:30 P.M. Saturday - Individual Reconciliation 11:00 A.M. - Noon

Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, JULY 28th Mass at St. Joseph Parish

9:00 A.M. Don Volante (Josi Powell)

TUESDAY, JULY 29th Mass at Nativity Parish

8:00 A.M. Louise Meyers (Derek and Lynn Johnson)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30th No Mass

THURSDAY, JULY 31st Mass at St. Joseph Parish

7:00 P.M. Sue Wohlever (John and Cathy Sekletar)

Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1st Mass at St. Joseph Parish

9:00 A.M. Daniel Kaighin (Wife)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2nd

11:00 A.M. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish

4:00 P.M. Bud Rainey (Sister and family)

Mass at St. Joseph Parish

5:30 P.M. Victor Celaschi (Anne Murray, and

Dan and Barb Scrofano) Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3rd Masses at St. Joseph Parish

8:30 A.M. For the Faithful Departed

All Souls Intentions

11:00 A.M. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes

5:00 P.M. Denise Seymour (Family)

Daily Readings

MONDAY, JULY 28th Weekday

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Mt 13:31-35

TUESDAY, JULY 29th Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30th Weekday, Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Ex 34:29-35 Mt 13:44-46

THURSDAY, JULY 31st Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Mt 13:47-53

 $FRIDAY, AUGUST\ 1^{st}$ Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Mt 13:54-58

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2nd Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3rd Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21

Activity Schedule

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Eucharistic Adoration 11:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M. (NBVM)

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Faithfully Fit Yoga - Tue. & Thur. 9:30 A.M. (Mill Hollow)

MONDAY, JULY 28th - FRIDAY, AUGUST 1st

9:00 A.M. Vacation Bible School (St. Joseph School)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30th

6:30 P.M. Sacred Sisters Meeting

(O.S.E. Community Ctr.)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1st

11:00 A.M. First Friday Rosary with refreshments to follow (Nativity Church and Hall)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2nd

9:00 A.M. First Saturday Rosary (St. Joseph Church)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3rd

Donuts will be served following the 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. Masses in St. Joseph School Gymnasium

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, July 13	\$ 12,277.00
Eoffering	\$ 3,319.81
Total Sunday Offerings	\$ 15,596.81
Other Collections	
Maintenance	\$ 385.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 94.60
Peter's Pence	\$ 50.00

Nativity Parish

Saturday, July 12 *Will appear in next week's bulletin.*

St. Joseph Parish Has New Office Hours

Please note that St. Joseph Parish has new hours of operation. New Office Hours are Monday through Friday 8:30A.M - 4:30 P.M.



Zachary Brill and Joselyn Moquete III

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SJS Extended Day Care Position Available!

The Extended Day Care Program at St. Joseph Parish School provides nurturing care for students before and after school, as well as full-day care for preschool-age children. We also offer a Summer Care Program and are currently hiring caregivers for immediate openings, with additional positions available throughout the school year. Below is what you can expect from the SJS Extended Day Care experience:

- Responsibility includes caring for children after school, playing with students/leading activities, ensuring students are safely picked up, and some light cleaning.
- Candidates must be 18 or older, have a high school diploma and must be Virtus trained, pass a background check, have patience, be reliable, and enjoy spending time with children.
- Summer Care hours vary. During the school year, shifts are 2:00-5:00 or 2:00-6:00, Monday through Friday.

 Interested? Contact Jennifer Gober, Director for Extended Day Care at

 extended.preschool@sjs-amherst.org

St. Joseph Prayer Chain Ministry

The Prayer Chain Ministry members want to pray for you and/or your intentions. Please call the parish office and press 7 to leave a message on the prayer request line. Someone from the Prayer Chain will send the request to all members.

The ministry also encourages you to call back with updates of how prayers were answered.

Altar Servers NEEDED

We're looking for a few more adults to join our Altar Server Ministry, and we'd love to invite *you* to consider being part of this special ministry. Serving at the altar is a simple, but powerful way to support our parish and deepen your connection to the Mass. No experience is needed—we'll walk you through everything. If you've ever felt a nudge to get more involved, this could be your opportunity.

If interested, reach out to Kathy Loos at 440-823-6177 or via email at jkmdmps@hotmail.com.

Our ministry welcomes YOU!

PSR Information

The 2025-2026 PSR Calendar, links to register, and sacramental links are all now open on our parish website. You may sign up your child/(ren) using the link below, or it can be found on our website, www.stjosephamherst.com. Please complete the Google Form for each child you would like to enroll in the program. If your child is in a sacramental year for First Holy Communion or for Confirmation, there are additional forms that need to be filled out. All of the forms are located on the PSR page of the website, just click this link to be redirected to that page PSR | St. Joseph Amherst.

The deadline for registering is August 31, 2025.

If you would like to enroll an Eighth grade student for Confirmation preparation, the student must have attended PSR or participated in some other faith formation for their Seventh grade year. If this is the case, please enroll the student in Confirmation Prep Year 2. Students wishing to participate in Confirmation preparation who have not completed Year 1 must do so first before moving on to Year 2, regardless of the grade level they are enrolled in at school.

PSR will again be held on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:45 P.M. Sessions will begin in October and end in April. Fees will be invoiced once classes have begun. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Amy Makruski at amy.makruski@sjs-amherst.org, or at 440-988-4244 ext. 215. Registration Link for PSR only: https://forms.gle/KQdErCzcW6JCdSzB6.



Sacred Sisters Wednesday Night Ladies Prayer Group

Please note that we will be taking a break from our Wednesday night meetings from August 13th through September 3rd.

We will resume on Wednesday, September 10th, 2025 at 6:30 P.M., meeting at the Old Stone Evangelical Church Community Center.

This session will run for eleven weeks, and we'll be starting with the study: *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come* by Jeff Cavins.

All ladies from St. Joseph Church and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary are welcome to join us!

If you have any questions, please text Lesley at 440-374-6518.

Hospitality Sunday

St. Joseph Hospitality Ministry invites everyone to

Hospitality Sunday on August 3rd following the

8:30 and 11:00 A.M. Masses.

The men of our Knights of Columbus will be serving coffee and donuts in

St. Joseph School Gymnasium. We hope to see you there!





Stay Connected to Your Parish and Your Faith

There are many ways to stay spiritually connected and up to date with parish life. Explore the options below and find what works best for you!

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- St. Joseph Catholic Church Amherst
- St. Joseph Parish School Visit <u>facebook.com</u> or download the app

Instagram: Follow us for photos, news, and inspiration:

- *@stjosephnativity* (Church)
- @sjsamherst (School)

myParish App: Text App to 88202 to download. Features include:

- A quick link to our Parish Bulletin
- Daily Mass Readings
- Word on Fire Reflections
- Parish Messages

YouTube: Subscribe to stjosephandnbvmmedia

• Watch our 11:00 A.M. Mass livestream, pre-Mass videos, spiritual content, and more!

Websites: Check us out at:

Parish: <u>www.stjosephamherst.com</u>School: www.sjsamherst.org

Flocknote: Get weekly emails about upcoming events and the bulletin at your fingertips by texting SJPA to 84576.

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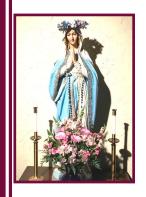
Nativity News

NBVM Holy Communion to the Homebound

If you or someone you know—whether a friend, family member, or acquaintance—is a member of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in South Amherst and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Lynn Johnson at 440-752-6519 or Wendy Rosso at 440-986-0304, so that we are able to meet the needs of the homebound.



FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY at Nativity B.V.M., South Amherst



Nativity BVM Altar and Rosary Society will be hosting their First Friday Rosary on

Friday, August 1st 11:00 A.M. at Nativity Church.

Please join us as we pray together the most Holy Rosary.
Light refreshments to follow.

Hospitality Tuesday

NBVM in South Amherst invites all to attend our 8:00 A.M. Mass followed by fellowship in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, August 5th. Please join us for Mass, refreshments and great fellowship!

Altar and Rosary Society Meeting

The Altar and Rosary Society will hold their monthly meeting on

Tuesday, August 5th in the Parish Hall, at 6:30 P.M.



Save the Date: Stewardship Retreat 2025

Hosted by our **Stewardship Council**, this year's retreat is open to *everyone*—whether you're currently involved in a ministry or simply curious to grow in your faith.

This is a wonderful opportunity to:

- •Deepen your spiritual journey
- •Connect with fellow parishioners
- •Explore the **Four Pillars of Stewardship** through an engaging speaker and small group discussions

Saturday, September 6, 2025 Retreat begins at 9:00 A.M. Breakfast served at 8:30 A.M. Lunch also provided

Watch the parish bulletin and check your email for RSVP details and additional information.

We hope to see you there for this inspiring day of reflection, fellowship, and faith!

First Saturday Rosary



First Saturday Rosary will be held at

St. Joseph Church on Saturday, August 2nd at 9:00A.M.

Please join us in praying the most Holy Rosary.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In the charity of your prayers, we commend to God:

Pam Belskis

We pray for her family and the families of all our deceased relatives and friends that they may enjoy eternal peace with our Risen Christ.

Let us also remember to pray for those confined to hospitals and nursing homes, the homebound, and their caregivers, our sons and daughters in the military, those dealing with mental illness and addictions, the homeless and those who have no one to pray for them.

New Deadline For Bulletin Content

Please make a note that if you would like to submit information for the bulletin, please email it to

parishoffice@stjosephamherst.com, by Noon, NO LATER than 2 Fridays prior to the Sunday that you want it to appear.

For an item to appear in the August 10th bulletin, information must be to the Parish Office no later than NOON on August 1st.

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